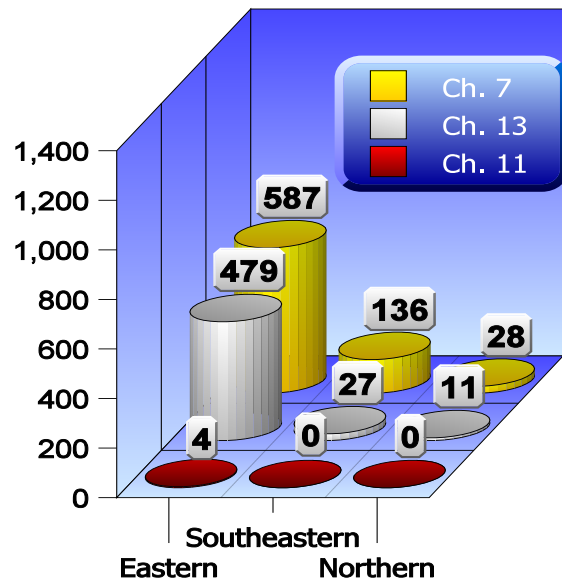


## New Cases

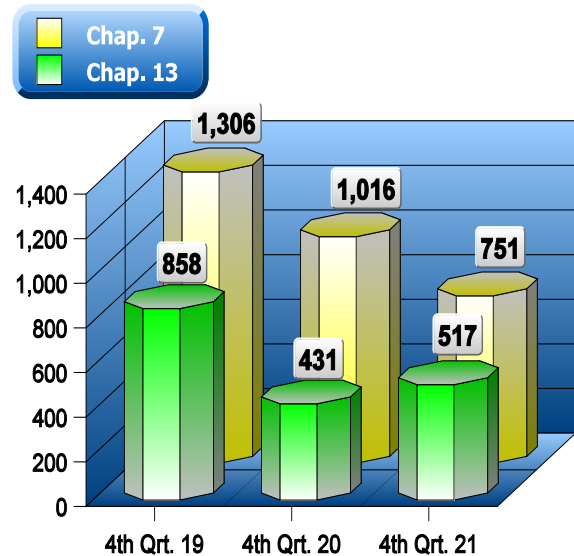
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2021, the Court opened a total of 1,272 new cases. There were 1,070 cases filed in the Eastern division, 163 cases in the Southeastern division and 39 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 27 additional cases.

The new cases consisted of 751 Chapter 7 filings, 4 Chapter 11 filings and 517 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapters 9, 12 and 15. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally, there were 21 new Adversary Proceedings, 345 motions to lift the automatic stay, and 23 motions to avoid liens. The chart to the right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division, broken down by chapter.



## Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 2021, there were 751 Chapter 7 petitions and 517 Chapter 13 petitions filed with the Court. These figures constitute 59.04% and 40.65%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2020, the Court received 1,016 new Chapter 7 petitions (70.02%) and 431 new Chapter 13 petitions (29.70%). The chart to the right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2021 and the past two calendar years.



## Case Closings

The Court closed 1,606 cases during the fourth quarter, 2021. Case terminations by division included 1,383 for the Eastern division, 158 for the Southeastern division, and 65 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is less than the number closed during the third quarter of 2021, when the Court closed 1,897 cases. The Court also closed 20 adversary proceedings during the fourth quarter, 2021.

## Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the fourth quarter, 2021, was 8,880 cases, a decrease of 307 cases from the third quarter, 2021. These 307 cases reflect a 3.34% decrease in the pending caseload from last quarter when there were 9,187 cases pending. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 9.35% (916 cases), or an average of 229 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 1 case in the fourth quarter, 2021, leaving 42 cases pending.

